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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: PRESS REPORTS ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE IMMINENT

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF AUGUST 19 REPORT FROM LONDON THAT DR OWEN IS "STANDING BY" TO FLY AT SHORT NOTICE TO PRESIDE OVER AN ALL PARTY CONFERENCE. ONE ACCOUNT CITING "INFORMED BRITISH SOURCES" STATES THAT THERE "ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD SOON, POSSIBLY LATE NEXT WEEK, IN ZAMBIA'S EASTERN GAME RESERVE OF LUANGWA."

2. ANTHONY RIDER REPORT IN THE RAND DAILY MAIL THAT MUZOREWA HAS

SUDDENLY SHOWN LESS INTRANSIGENCE ON AN ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE. HE QUOTES MUZOREWA AS DENYING THAT THE UANC WAS AGAINST AN ALL PARTIES APPROACH BUT STILL SAYING THAT THE MOST URGENT TASK WAS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNAL ACCORD.

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3. SMITH IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE PUBLICLY ACCEPTED AN ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE PROVIDED HE IS NOT ASKED TO HAND OVER RESPONSIBILITY TO A DICTATOR WITH AN UNKNOWN FUTURE AND TO LIQUIDATE THE SECURITY FORCES; THIS WOULD BE INSANE, SMITH REPORTEDLY SAID, AND HE WOULD NOT BE PARTY TO SUCH AN AGREEMENT. SMITH ADDED THAT "WE ARE IN A TIGHT CORNER" AND SAID THERE WAS A "REASONABLE" CHANCE FOR AN

ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE.
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